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- (1) Cover letter with Certificate of Mailing;
- (2) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with PTO form 1449 and attachments (3);
- (3) Copy of European Search Report; and
- (4) Paul and Paul Postcard to be returned by the PTO.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In the interest of full disclosure, the following items are herewith identified in Form PTO-1449 and a copy of only foreign references are hereby provided, for the convenience of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Each item of information contained in the accompanying information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report, dated November 27, 2006, is attached hereto.



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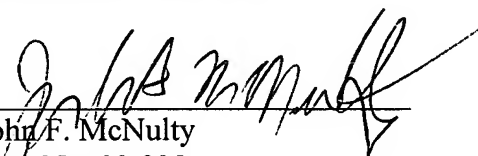
(AB) JP 08 229747 A, dated September 10, 1996. The relevance is that it was cited as being a category "X, Y" in the European Search Report (copy enclosed), referring to claims 9 and 10.

(AC) JP 60 161036 A, dated August 22, 1985. The relevance is that it was cited as being a category "Y" in the European Search Report, referring to claim 9.

(AD) JP 2001 287119 A, dated October 16, 2001. The relevance is that it was cited as being a category "X" in the European Search Report, referring to claim 1.

Also, this patent also corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,576,858, dated June 10, 2003 (copy enclosed).

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